

CODE OF ORDINANCES

CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

Sec. 1-4. General penalties for violation of Code; continuing violations.

a. The maximum penalties for violation of City ordinances are limited by State law. At the time of this ordinance there are three different maximum fines authorized by State law depending on the type of case.

b. The fine cannot exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) if the case involves fire safety, zoning, or public health and sanitation. The fine cannot exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) if the case involves dumping of refuse.

These should include but not be limited to the following:

1. Chapter 4, sections 4-101 and 4-104, governing firearms within the City;
2. Chapter 6 governing buildings and structures, including any violation of the International Codes as adopted therein;
3. Chapter 7, Article III, governing and regulating minimum standards for occupancy of buildings and structures, including sanitary facilities and substandard buildings;
4. Chapter 8, Section 8-23 governing firearms in parks and recreation areas, and Section 8-50 governing the operation of concessions in parks or recreation areas;
5. Chapter 14, Article II, governing and regulating noxious odors or substances and fierce or dangerous conduct of animals.
6. Chapter 16, governing the proper collection, removal, handling, or transporting of garbage, trash, or other types of solid waste
7. Chapter 17, Article I governing and regulating the use of public right-of-ways and Article VII, governing and regulating the operation of commercial vehicles in residential areas;
8. Chapter 18 governing littering, health and sanitation, and illegal dumping of refuse;
9. Chapter 10, Unified Development Code, governing and regulating the platting, subdivision and development of land, or governing zoning;
10. Chapter 19, including:
 - (a) Article IV, disposal of industrial wastes,
 - (b) Article V, liquid waste transportation and disposal;

(c) Section 19-27 through 19-32, 19-36, 19-37, 19-39, and 19-40 which involve unauthorized tampering with the water system.

(d) Section 19-146, governing proper sanitation, garbage and sewage disposal on lake lots leased from the City;

(e) Section 19-190 discharge of weapons

(f) Section 19-233, declaring unlawful any discharge of wastewater or sewage from any vehicle, trailer, camper or house trailer within the Lake Bellwood Reservoir Area;

(g) Section 19-235, declaring unlawful any discharge of firearms within the Lake Bellwood Reservoir Area;

(h) Section 19-239, declaring unlawful the discharge of fireworks or explosives within the Lake Bellwood Reservoir.

(i) Article XI. governing illicit discharge and storm water connection regulations. (Ord. No. 0-2010-93, 9/8/10)

c. In all other cases, the maximum fine is not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

d. Each day or fractional part thereof that any violation of this Code or of any ordinance shall continue constitutes a separate offense. (Ord. No. O-98-45, 5/27/98) (Ord. No. O-2009-52, 4/22/09)

e. In some cases it may be advantageous to establish maximum fines lower than the maximum fine permitted by State law. Generally punishment should not exceed the amount required to obtain compliance with the law. The punishment exacted for first time disobedience to a law should usually be less than for a second or subsequent offense. The following offenses shall have maximum fines in accordance with the following table:

Chapter	Section	Subject	1st & 2nd Offense	Subsequent Offense
4	90	Noise ordinance	\$200	\$500
8	5	After hours in parks	\$200	\$500
8	20	Littering in park	\$200	\$500
8	21	Noise in park	\$200	\$500
8	22	Unauthorized vehicle	\$200	\$500
8	33	Animals in park	\$200	\$500
14	10	Stray dogs	\$200	\$500
14	11	Too many dogs	\$200	\$500
14	13	Livestock in City	\$200	

14	19	Mosquito breeding	\$200	
14	22	Guard dogs	\$200	
14	30	Animal vaccination	\$200	\$500

(Ord. No. 0-2000-97, 12/20/2000)(Ord No. O-2016-1, 1/13/16)